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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action of September 16, 2008. No further amendments have been made to the claims hereby.